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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, and pursuant to the telephone conference with the Examiner on January 20, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

| Amendments to the Specification | [] begin on page | [x] None |
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| Amendments to the Claims | [x] begin on page 2 | [] None |
| Amendments to the Drawings | [] begin on page | [x] None |
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